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SILVER MARKET.

MONTAGU'S report says the silver market is fairly well supplied, so despite the weakness of American exchange the price has slightly given way. The stock in London is very small, markedly contrasting the position in the United States where huge quantities are reported to be held for speculative purposes.

STEAMER FOR HONGKONG STRANDED.

LONDON, Jan. 5.
The steamer "Cusco" from New York to Hongkong has stranded off Honolulu.

MORE CHINESE LEAVE FRANCE.

HAVRE, Jan. 5.
The British steamer "Winifredian" has sailed for Halifax with 1,700 Chinese.

THE WEEKS CHAT.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERY ONE.

No eye in Hongkong was complain of dullness during the last fortnight. 1919 departed so gaily and with such a rush of events, that the end could not be seen far dust.

1920 came in with the howl of sirens, a flare of rockets and dancing feet in most of the houses and hotels in Hongkong. On the second of January which was a holiday every one looked subdued, and heavy eyed and as I nodded a languid greeting to my friends, a title of one of Kipling's books kept buzzing in my brain. Actions and Reactions, Actions and Reactions, over and over again, like the old rhyme of "Punch brothers, punch with care, punch in the presence of the passenger."

Have you ever noticed how the noise of a tram or train can catch the lift of a tune or phrase and draw it out to a point where you are tired? That is where the reaction comes in.

I think everyone is quite glad that the holidays are over and that work and play will be equally divided for another year to come. The first day of 1920 was something of a Red Letter day to old residents of Hongkong, inasmuch as the opening of the new hotel at Repulse Bay, marked a great stride in the development of the island.

One old resident standing on the beautiful verandah, gazed at the gorgeous view and at the motor cars rushing over the new road and felt as if it was all a dream.

"Hongkong is getting on," she said, "we do not only talk of things, these days, we do them right away. New roads are opening up formerly inaccessible places and soon we shall drive to our homes on the Peak, in our own motor cars."

It was interesting to hear her compare the present with the past, when her parents had been among the early settlers on the Peak and the journey had to be accomplished in a four-wheeled chair.

All sorts of splendid schemes are in the brain of the enterprising and businesslike manager, Mr. Taggart, and I have heard that he contemplates erecting a number of small bungalows later on, if the bed-rooms, now under construction, prove the success that is anticipated.

It certainly was an interesting and rather curious experience, to see a governor opening a "Tavern," but his speech upon the occasion explained his reasons very fully and one cannot help feeling that everything that is done to improve the conditions and resources of a town should be encouraged by those in authority. One would like to see this encouragement extended in many directions, for there is a good deal of room for improvement, in public places in Hongkong.

For instance people who danced in the beautiful rooms at the Repulse Bay Hotel on the night of January 1 cannot fail to make unfavourable criticisms on January 6 when they will dance at St. George's Hall in the City Hall. This time worn grievance loses nothing in keeping and every-time people go there or to the shabby barn like theatre, their pride in their citizenship and in their public works receives a nasty jar; and they are often heard to speculate as to why the large surplus shown in the last budget cannot be used to beautify the town.

I have wandered far from the Repulse Bay Hotel and the delightful entertainment that marked its opening—Everybody danced their best bit and tuckered everyone had early luncheon, and there was a perfect

rush for trams, from the Peak, from Shaikwan, and from West Point. The Kowloon ferry worked overtime and shareholders in motor garages counted their increased dividends in pleasurable anticipation. All the cars in the town took to the road and were crowded with all sorts and conditions of men and women and a sprinkling of the inevitable offspring sitting on Daddy's knee because the sort of Daddy who takes his offspring to receptions where free refreshments are provided, always gets his money's worth out of the vehicle he hires, whether it be a donkey shay at 'Ampstead or a motor car for a drive to Repulse Bay. When he pays up his fee for hire, he has the satisfaction of knowing that not only mother and he, but the children and a good many of his relations have helped to make it worth while.

I often wonder what he did in his courting days. He probably took his girl for a bus or tram ride, as you couldn't very well take the girl's family on such occasions.

The chauffeurs which piled for passengers to and fro were an annoyance to youth and its slowness behind them, were glad to transfer to friends' motor cars, also some of the hired cars seemed to have behaved in a festive manner. One lady told me that the car she hired kept going backwards. Apart from these little amusements, everyone was enthusiastic over the arrangements for the day.

Crowds waited on the verandah until His Excellency had unlocked the door and then all followed on a tour of inspection through the luxurious and beautiful rooms. I could not help wondering why someone had sent a huge wreath, suitable for a funeral, and why it had been placed in a conspicuous place in the main hall.

Refreshments were supplied on the most liberal scale and white clad servants positively dished one with champagne cup, milk punch and whiskies and sodas. As for cakes and sandwiches, they were without end and so attractively served and garnished that they were triumphs in the art, as well as the culinary line. The only thing I took exception to in the arrangements was the tactlessness displayed in differentiating between the directors and the public; by serving tea to them and them alone. Probably no one would have thought of tea if they had not seen several trays appearing and being served to these darlings of the gods, but show the average woman a cup of tea to the right and champagne cup to the left and she will invariably make for the right, especially if she thinks it is a special privilege to get it. I know that considerable annoyance was caused by the boys refusing to serve tea after it was seen on several tables, when the boys said "No can't that belong special, for Mr. B. or Mr. H. or so on."

Personally I sympathize with and understand the difficulties of the hotel management, in trying to satisfy everyone, especially the directors, who like their little bit of swank, like the wives of the high officials of the P.W.D. who replied to the query as to whether one could drive to "Stanley." "We can't; but the road is not open to the public yet." Some day when someone says something of the sort to me, I shall get an attack of hysterical laughter, and be banished from the Colony.

In due course we all got home again and everyone danced at night, some at Repulse Bay, where the terraces were illuminated by red lanterns, and a soft moon was reflected in the sea, and the scenery was such that the most prosaic bachelor might turn his thought to love and if he was not very careful and himself roped in for a life contract.

(Continued on page 6.)

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE FIGHT WITH THE MAHSDS.

LONDON, January 1st.
It appears that the surrender of the Mahsuds to the British followed upon a decisive battle on December 18th. Describing the battle Reuter's correspondent with the Tocht Field Force says the Dera-jat column moved out from Jadoia at eight o'clock in the morning. Sarkai ridge was held by 3,000 Mahsuds while the entrance to the Shahrud road and the hills west of Jandala were held by a mixed army of Waziris and Mahsuds. The enemy were driven from the ridge in the direction of Spinikach and the hills eastward thereof. We occupied Spinikach and by noon had encamped a mile to the northward. Artillery and aeroplane continued to harass the tribesmen who must have suffered heavily. The British casualties were light.

THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

AMSTERDAM, December 30th.
As the opening of the Indian National Congress, Pandit Motilal Nehru, in an uncompromising Presidential address, declared that the unrest in the Punjab while Sir Daniel Robertson's administration was followed by a repression of Terrorism down to Sir Michael O'Dwyer's time. He said the official admissions before the Hunter Commission showed that there was no justification for the prolonged time martial law was enforced. It was prolonged merely for the purpose of terrorising the people. Sir Michael O'Dwyer's responsibility had been established beyond doubt. He was incapable of differentiating between the constitution of the British democracy. The Government of India Act only partially met their requirements; hence it was their duty to make the most of what had been given and simultaneously continue to press for what was their due.

Pandit Motilal Nehru demanded that Indians be given commissions in the Army and Navy. He also asked for a satisfactory solution of the Khalifat question, a resolution of the status of Indians overseas and permission for Mr. Benjamin Horniman to return to India. Concluding, he warned the Congress against Western errors, and urged them to cast out their own Eastern evil customs and traditions.

MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, December 31st.
It is officially stated that the Arabs who seized Diarrazor are now dispersing for want of food and organisation. Tribes in the Middle Euphrates show determined hostility to invaders. Akh-kamal was occupied on December 21st. All is quiet.

The British personnel captured in Diarrazor by the Arabs have been released, and have rejoined the British force.

EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS.

LONDON, December 31st.
Telegrams from Cairo report that the Central Committee of the Egyptian delegation lengthily discussed the proclamation by Lord Milner inviting the Egyptians to a wholesale and representative individuals, to approach the Commission and speak candidly.

Subsequently, the Committee issued a statement rejecting the invitation to meet the Commission and reiterating the demand for complete independence.

MILNER COMMISSION IN EGYPT.

CAIRO, January 1st.
The Sultan arranged a banquet for the Milner Commission at which Cabinet Ministers and other high officials were present.

"BLACK ROD."

It is understood that Lieut. General Sir William F. E. "Black Rod," K.O.B., K.O.M.G., D.S.O., will cross the Red Sea on the H.M.S. "Black Rod" as Captain of the Black Rod.

THE AFTERMATH.

LONDON, December 31st.
The operations allocated to the British for the defence of all moored mines in Home waters, the Mediterranean and the Aegean Sea have been completed. Certain Black Sea ports have also been cleared.

RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY.

PARIS, December 31st.
The Supreme Council has decided that all measures relating to the enforcement of the Treaty must be arranged before January 6th, when it is expected that the ratifications will be exchanged. After the enforcement of the Treaty, Germany must surrender, without delay, 100,000 tons of harbour material which she has agreed to give up. The remainder of the material claimed must be given up within 30 months.

THE FATE OF TURKEY.

LONDON, January 1st.
No final decision has been reached in regard to the future of Turkey. The general principles have been agreed upon provisionally, but the matter will be the principal subject of discussion at the forthcoming Allied Conference in Paris, which will probably be a lengthy one. The general idea at present favours a joint possession of the Straits of Bosporus and Constantinople. The question of a new Turkish capital has not been settled. Every effort will be done to avoid offending Moslem susceptibilities.

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HEBREW MOSAIC.

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The Times received from M. Ch.
Clermont-Ganneau, the
French Orientalist and Member de
l'Institut, an account of the discovery
in Palestine of a new Hebrew mosaic,
which was unearthed at Ain Duk,
near Jericho, by a chance Turkish
shell during the recent campaign.

The mosaic itself and an inscription
upon it were photographed by a
British officer, and the photograph
was sent for interpretation to the
French Academie des Inscriptions et
Belles Lettres, who in turn handed
it to their distinguished member, M.
Clermont-Ganneau.

The task of examining it, says the
writer, was given to me, and at the
first glance I recognised it as a text
in Hebrew characters of the square
cursive type, and the Judaeo-Aramaic,
or Aramaic-Jewish language, showing
a very great deal in common with
the inscriptions, also in mosaic, of
the Galilean synagogues at Kefr
Kenna (the Cana of the Bible) and
Sefuriye (Sephoris), which I revealed
some considerable time ago. The
inscription has suffered pretty badly
in parts, and certain optical distortions
due to the conditions in which
the photograph had to be taken, add
to the difficulties of deciphering char-
acters already distorted by perspective.

It should be added that on the
right and left outside the text, there
are traces of designs much mutilated,
which at times seem to resolve
themselves into the outline of some
uncouth animal not unlike a lion,
and opposite this a fragment of a
human arm. Before this can be
definitely settled a new inquiry on
the spot will be necessary.

The result of my deciphering,
based on this first photographic
evidence, is as follows:—

Honoured be the memory of Binyamin (Benjamin), the Pharisae (a sort
of administrator of the community),
the son of Joseph (Joseph), Honoured
(also), be the memory of all those
who read assistance, and of every-
one who has given or shall give
to this Holy Place, whether gold, or
silver, or any (other) valuable. Be
not backward in giving to this Holy
Place! Amen.

SITE OF ANCIENT TOWN.

Thus it is, in substance, an appeal
for funds, probably for the expenses
of the services, works of charity,
payment of personnel, outlay in
material, work to be done on the
synagogue, repairs, extensions, even
decoration, such as the laying of the
mosaic itself—who knows? For
evidently it relates to a synagogue.
The name by which it is called is
very curious, a trah gadleah—"The
Holy Place"—and it calls to mind

the phrase which, as Philo tells us,
was used by the Essenes—"the holy
places"—i.e. the synagogues. It
is known that the Essenes lived in
precisely those spots around the
mouth of the Jordan and the Dead

However, that does not necessarily
imply that the date of our mosaic
could be fixed at a time when there
were still Essenes—that is to say, at
the beginning of the Christian era.

But this phrase may be associated
with a tradition of Essenic origin,
through the medium, perhaps, of one
or other of those strange Jewish or
Judaean Christian sects such as the
Nazarenes, the Gibeonites, etc.

For, owing to a number of considera-
tions for which there is no room here,
they will be explained in the detailed
monograph, of which this is only a
very brief summary—I am inclined
to place the date of this inscription
as late as historical conditions will
permit. The very fact that we are
dealing with a mosaic pavement is
not the least of these considerations,
for the ancient synagogues of Galilee,
which go back to the second century
A.D., had not as yet mosaic pavements.
All their pavements were
made up of big stone flags.

The place where the mosaic was
found, and where, of course, the
synagogue stood, is the site of an
ancient town, of which characteristic
traces are still to be seen. I myself
examined them nearly half a century
ago.

What town was this, built in the
plain of Jericho, near the copious
stream which rushes from the foot
of the Quarantana Mountain, and
called by the Arabs "Ain Duk—the
spring of Duk"? This name Duk
is undoubtedly a survival of Dok,
the stronghold where in the second
century B.C. that terrible tragedy
was played out which ended in the
death of the famous Asmonean prince
Simon Maccabeus, who was ambushed
and murdered by his own son-in-
law, Ptolemy, the Governor of
Jericho.

POSSIBILITIES OF EXPLORATION.

Ain Duk has preserved the name
but not the exact position, of Dok
of the Maccabees, which was no
doubt situated not far away, but
a little further up the mountain. I
have previously brought forward the
theory that this place is the site of
the Noorah of Flavius Josephus, from
which the Tetrarch Archelaus, the
son of Herod, had drawn the water
to irrigate the Jericho palm groves.
This Noorah is the same as the
Na'arin of the Talmud and the
Noorath of Eusebius and St. Jerome,
who in their Onomasticon try to
identify it with the Biblical Noorath,
in the land of Ephraim.

On this subject they give us two
valuable pieces of information: first,
that the Noorath of their day was
five Roman miles from Jericho (just
about the same distance as that of
Ain Duk from Jericho); and, secondly,
that the town was "all inhabited
by Jews." This shows that there was

THERMOMETERS FOR
SHANGHAI.TEST OF EXTRA TERRI-
TORIALITY IN PRIZE
COURT.

The President of the Prize Court,
Sir Henry Duke, con- size
526 thermomete on the
steamer "Empress of Asia," and ship-
ped by a New York firm to a German
firm of wholesale druggists at Shang-
hai. The seizure was made on the
British steamer "Empress of Asia" at
Shanghai in July, 1917.

At that time, said counsel, for the
Crown, the United States was in the
war. The thermometers were seized
by the Post Office. The Court at
Alexandria had considered the pos-
sibility of a German subject at Shanghai
in the case of the Lutzow. As to the
extra-territorial rights of Germans
there it was held that they could not
acquire a commercial domicile in
Shanghai, and thereby divest them-
selves of their obligations as enemy
subjects.

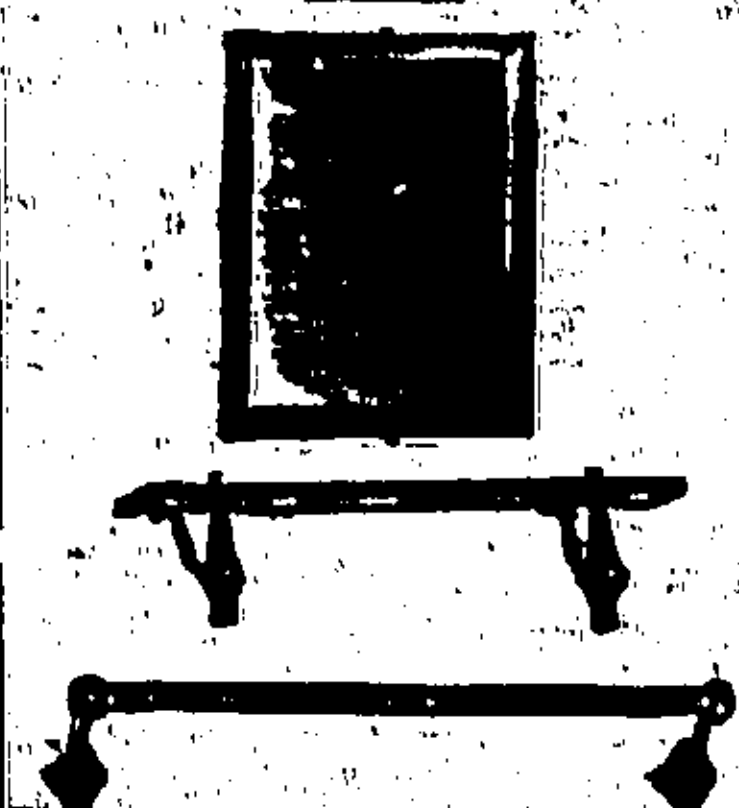
His Lordship said that Shanghai
prima facie was a port of a neutral
subject to a convention between the
Asiatic and European Powers. Tak-
ing notice of this convention and the
extra-territorial character of such
parties residing in Shanghai—who
had recourse to their own legation—
he had to find that these merchants
were not in point of law denizens of
a neutral country. They kept their
German rights, and a consequence
of that in this case was that the 526
thermometers must be condemned as
good and lawful prize.

still a Jewish centre in existence
there after the definite destruction
of political Judaism by Hadrian.
Now, this centre was still flourishing
at a much later date, as is proved by
the sacred writings to which I referred
above. They bring us down to
the fourth and fifth centuries, right
into the Byzantine period. At
Noorah, they tell us, near the Doka
mountain, some fanatical Jews had
settled, and used to make violent
attacks on the monks on the moun-
tain. This Noorah belongs, without
any doubt, to the series of homo-
phonous places, names of which I have
just given: a list, and moreover, it
fulfils the topographical conditions.

It is evident, of course, that what
is left of the mosaic will have to be
completely uncovered. But it is also
essential to explore right beneath the
pavement itself. For perhaps, in the
pavements of the old synagogues of
Noorah, some secret underground
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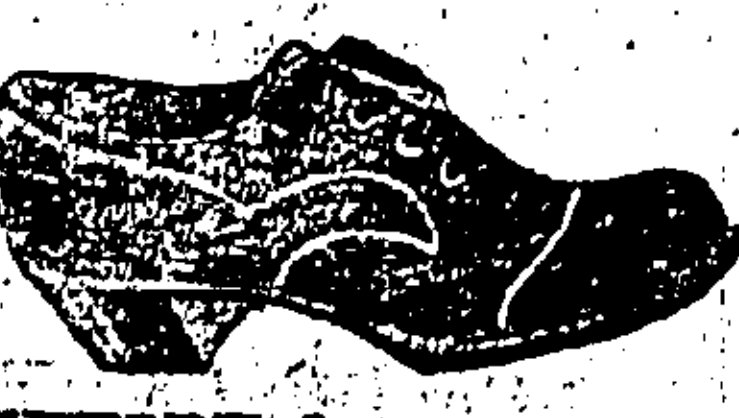
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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL
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THE ANNUAL SHOW OF
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will be held in the BOTANIC GAR-
DENS on THURSDAY and FRIDAY,
the 4th and 5th of March.

The full schedule and programme
will be issued to Members very shortly.
Residents who are interested in
horticulture and are not already Mem-
bers of the Society are invited to com-
municate with the Hon. Secretary.

H. B. L. DOWBIGIN,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong, January 1, 1920.

CHINA BORNEO COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that
a "Second" EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the above
Company, (notice of which was
only given on the 10th inst.) will be
held at the offices of Messrs. Gibb,
Livingston and Company, St. George's
Buildings, Victoria, at 12 o'clock noon,
on TUESDAY, the 13th day of January,
1920, for the purpose of confirming, if
thought fit, as a special Resolution, the
following Resolution which was duly
passed at an Extraordinary Resolution
on the 20th inst., viz:—

"That the Company be wound up
voluntarily and that Ernest Al-
fred Mounford Williams of the
Firm of Lowe, Bingham &
Matthews of Chartered Bank
Buildings Queen's Road Central,
Victoria aforesaid be appointed
Liquidator for the purpose of
winding up, at such remun-
eration as may be arranged
between the said Liquidator and
the said Shareholders and the Li-
quidator."

Dated this 20th day of December,
1919.

By Order of the Board,
(Sd.) GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Agents.
Hongkong, December 30, 1919.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the THIRTY SECOND ORDINARY
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of this Company will be held at the
Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson
& Company, Limited, on WEDNES-
DAY 14th January, 1920 at 11
o'clock a.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors
together with a Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December,
1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of
the Company will be CLOSED from
THURSDAY, 1st January to WED-
NESDAY, 14th January, 1920, (both
days inclusive), during which period
no Transfer of Shares can be Regis-
tered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the

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Hongkong, December 24, 1919.

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January 6, 1920, commencing at 1.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

A Few Lots of

Double hemstitched Sheets, Linen Bedstead Table Cloths, Turkish Towels, Bath Towels, Embroidered Bedspreads and Table Covers, and

One Wardrobe Trunk, two Bellow Valises, two Suit Cases.

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Hongkong, December 27, 1919.

(for account of the concerned), on

TUESDAY,
January 6, 1920, commencing at 3.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, GLASS, PLATED WARE, etc., etc.

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Also

Two Pianos, One large Victrola, One Gas Cooker, One Risha, Tennis Balls, etc., etc.

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Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, December 27, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Dr. EVAN JONES, to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,
January 7, 1920, at 10.30 a.m., at his residence No. 114, the Peak,

THE

Valuable Household Furniture, etc., etc., therein contained.

As follows:—

Blackwood Hall Table, Settee and Stands, Chesterfield Sofa and Arm-chairs, Occasional Chairs (Pyeall make), finely carved Cherrywood Desk, Blackwood Cabinets, Chairs, etc., several lots of Curio, Brass Vases, Incense Burners, etc., Electric Standard Lamps and Table Lamps, Teakwood Buffet Extension Dining Table and Chairs, Glass Cabinets and Card Table, Glass and Crockery Ware, White Enamelled Twin Bedsteads, Bedroom Suite (Powell make), Singer Trade Sewing Machine, Hot-room Cupboards, etc., large Enamelled Bath, Lavatory Basins, Toilets, etc., Pantry and Kitchen Utensils, etc.

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Several lots of Maiden Hair Fern, a fine assortment of Pot Plants, Wood and Porcelain Flower Stands, Sunblinds, Electric Ceiling Fans and Fittings.

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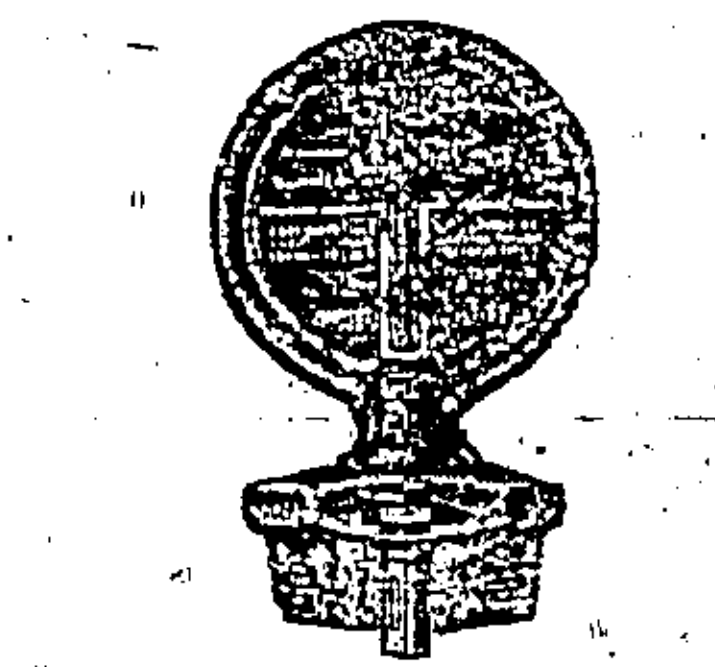
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Hongkong, November 23, 1919.

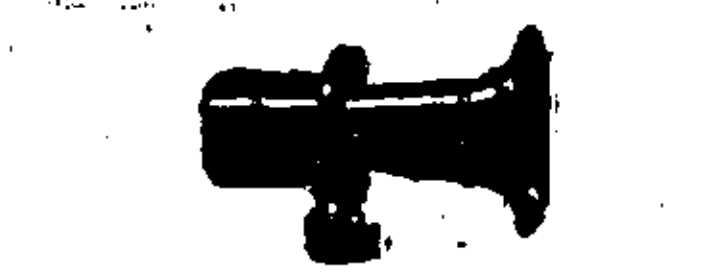
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INTIMATIONS.

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Boarders return on TUESDAY.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO. LTD.

NOTICE.

MR. MOWBRAY STAFFORD
NORTHCOTE has this day been appointed Secretary to the Company.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
JOHN JOHNSTONE,
Chairman.
Hongkong, January 1, 1920.

THE CHINESE MERCHANTS BANK LTD.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE above Bank has this day been REMOVED to Alexandra Building, Chater Road, the premises recently vacated by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.
Hongkong, January 3, 1920.

NOTICE.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore existing between **PHILIP WALLACE GOLD-RING** and **CECIL HYNES LYSON**, Solicitors, under the names of Goldring and Lyson, has been dissolved as from 1st January, 1920.

Debts owing to and Claims against the firm must be paid or submitted to Mr. C. H. Lyson, at the Office of Messrs. Lyson & Co., Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, on or before 15th instant.

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SATURDAY, January 10,
at 9.15 p.m. sharp.
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BIRTHS.

BURN.—On January 3, a son, Mr. A. Burn, a son.
SANGSTER.—On December 25, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Sangster, a son.
FOLEY.—On December 25, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Foley, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

HILLIER-RICHARD.—On December 20, Hongkong, Edward Guy Hillier, C.M.G., of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Peking, to Eleanor Isabella, eldest daughter of the late Dr. Timothy Richard, of China.

DEATH.

MEAD.—On December 26, at Shanghai, James Henry Mead (Kelly & Walsh, Hongkong).

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JAN. 5, 1920.

ADVERSARIA.

They do well to call it a problem. It is a hard one. As was pointed out to the Governor by representative citizens on his arrival, this solution is most urgent. It is pointed out that while the high cost of building material discourages private builders from setting to work to meet the undoubted demand, it would be unreasonable to expect the Government to invest money in that way. This argument would impress more if the Government were not already so willingly extravagant with similar material for less urgent works. There is no guarantee that material will ever be cheaper, and the need for more housing accommodation is so pronounced that it is retarding the progress of the Colony. So we risk nothing by supporting Mr. Pollock's proposal that the Public Works Committee of the Legislative Council.

We have referred so often to Mr. Pollock's proposals. One proposal—to shift the military establishment from Queen's Road—that we have lost count. This was one of those proposals so conspicuously reasonable that we could only explain its previous disregard of it by assuming that we had proposed something that was somehow impossible. If Mr.

Pollock thinks it is possible, that is good enough for us. That they make a mistake for the other-wise impossible development of the city, is as plain as the desirability of food to a starving man.

Even if the removal of the NAVAL this, so soon after its DOCKYARD, completion, is considered too expensive, the Colony stands to gain enormously by the clearing out of the soldiering establishments alone. The waste of valuable space by the War Department strikes the eye of every fresh observer, as does also the problem of how the city is ever to expand naturally with the heart of it so monopolized. Nevertheless, we agree with the *Daily Press* that a clean sweep of both naval and military establishments from the centre of the city is so necessary as to justify the expense. It seems likely, moreover, that the resumption of such valuable sites by the Government will provide assets enough to make the opposition argument on the score of expense look very weak. As for the defence works argument, our safety and the safety of our property, will actually be enhanced by the removal to a further distance of these things, provided the enemy follows the usual tactics and "the laws of civilized warfare."

A municipal clerk at UNDERPAID Home who handled over £40,000 a year received only £300 in wages. He stole. *Truth* remarks thereon that such parsimony on the part of local authorities is nothing more nor less than an invitation to steal. Not long ago in Hongkong we had a case of a young man handling large sums of money who was miserably underpaid; and we know that the local Government, which is so strict about bribery in the case of subordinates, pays far too little to many of its servants who are in positions to be bribed. As regards salaries and conditions, we understand that the Hongkong Government is on the "black list" of one professional institution. These things should not be.

Qu's a number of people REFUSE have suggested to the BAY. *China Mail* that it should comment unsympathetically on the innovation of a governor opening a hotel. We are unable to see eye to eye with them. It seems snobbish to us. There is no "con- descension" about it. A governor is only a man, and men find hotels useful. Besides, this is an exceptional hotel. Anything that makes for development here, anything which interests the public is a right and proper concern of the chief public servant. We would not have been shocked if His Excellency had done the job completely by riding out to Repulse Bay in the first of the public

charabancs, for they too represented a move forward. Charabancs are democratic things. The people have as much right to be "in" at such affairs as the "favoured few." Let us all denounce these snobbish critics whenever they pop up.

MR. E. G. HILLIER MR. HILLIER, C. M. G., whose marriage is included in our notices at the head of these columns, was appointed Peking agent of the Bank in 1891. He went blind in 1896, but his loss of sight has not prevented him from carrying on his special job, which is that of conducting the official relations of the Bank with the Chinese Government, and of negotiating the larger loans. He got his C.M.G. in 1904.

Chinese ink is made of six things. Oil of sesamum or rapeseed, varnish, and pork fat are first made into lamp-black by combustion. Of this a paste is made with the addition of glue, musk or camphor to scent it, and gold leaves to give it a lustre. It is pounded and moulded, and takes about three weeks to dry. It is then labelled as we see it. How it came to be known as Home as "Indian ink" is not known.

Down in Singapore they seem to have difficulties like ours. The *Straits Times* recently felt obliged to tell them this: "Men are not always reasonable, even when they are in high offices. The freedom of the press is not a local matter; it is Imperial. It exists in Singapore just as much as it does in London and it ought to be safeguarded as carefully in the one place as in the other."

At a local party the following conundrum was submitted: "Why cannot a deaf and dumb man tickle nine ladies? Because he cannot articulate. If we were to tell him that put that forward you would be shocked."

It is awkward for THE STRAITS MALAYA, which employs much Indian labour, that the price of silver has advanced the rupee to something like parity with the Straits dollar. There has been a lot of unofficial talk about raising the fixed value of the Straits dollar accordingly. The *Straits Times* is against any such proposal. It says: "Indeed the subject is beset with difficulties. When we fixed our dollar, there was no higher or more invariable standard of value than the English sovereign or pound sterling. But the pound sterling in circulation to-day is not made of gold but of paper, and this is a very serious defect. It is not certain, therefore, that we can juggle with our currency as we could do twelve to fourteen years ago when we had the rock of the British gold standard to chain it to. It is an easy thing to say, but if we try and fail, even in a very partial degree, our position will be far more serious than it is at present. We sink or swim with the pound sterling. We stand in a definitely fixed relation to it and are prepared to give seven pounds sterling in the lawful currency of the United Kingdom for sixty Straits dollars tendered either in notes or in our debased silver coin. If we raise the value of the dollar to 3s. or 3/4 which would be a safer figure, in view of the position of the rupee, we must abandon all the reservations introduced to protect ourselves against the principle of pay on demand, and even then it may take time to establish confidence. There is, of course, one very marked objection to the dollar going so high. Before the whole financial situation was demoralized by the war, it was frequently pointed out that the 1/4 had the same purchasing power in England as the 1/4 rupee had in India, the 2/4 dollar (gold) in America. Such a unit has a tendency to become a general standard, and the higher it is placed, the more expensive living will be. That is why, in the early days of our currency reform, it was definitely decided to make the Straits dollar equal to 2/-." It was raised to 2/4 simply because there was a somewhat alarming rise in the value of silver while the question of currency reform was under consideration."

ALLEGED MURDER.

Two Chinese quarrelled over some coal yesterday, one accusing the other of having stolen some. This led to angry words and soon the men came to blows. In the course of the fight, one of them was alleged to have drawn a dagger from his girdle and stabbed the other to death with it.

The deceased has been removed to the Kowloon Mortuary. The alleged murderer who escaped cannot be found, although detectives have been sent out in search of him.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

JAPANESE BOYCOTT AT SHANGHAI.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 5. Eighteen thousand local shopkeepers have formed a new year resolution pledging themselves to boycott Japanese goods owing to violations of Chinese sovereignty. The pledge concludes thus: "If anyone goes back on his words let the gods of heaven condemn him."

A SILENT SOLDIER.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 4. General Sir Alfred Knox, the head of the British military mission to Siberia, sails from Shanghai on Monday per the "Ecuador," for America en-route to London. He declined to make any statement to the Press representatives regarding Siberia.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is worth 4s. 11d.

There were eight fires in Shanghai on December 29. Three lives were lost.

During the five days ended Jan. 4 there was one case of diphtheria and two of enteric.

The Peking Government has received a report from the Fukien Tschun stating that Japanese warships left Foochow on December 31.

The pupils of the Diocesan Girls' School are taking a trip to Repulse Bay to-morrow morning in one of the Dragon Motor Car Company's motor buses.

Commander Lam Po-yik, of the 1st Squadron in Canton proposes to send the gunboats "Wing Cheong," "Tung On," and "Shui Wo," and the marines to Swatow to restore order there.

It is rumoured that General Luk Wing-tung died on January 3. On reports being received that he was indisposed, the members of the Military Government sent delegates to visit him in Kwantai.

The Culty Dairy Co. Ltd. at See-zei paid a final dividend of 8 per cent, making 15 per cent. for the year. The 10,000 were placed to cattle reserve. They had record milk sales.

The French Consul at Canton, who has been away on leave for three months, has reported to the local authorities his return to duty and intimated that the acting Consul is returning to his post as vice-consul in Shanghai.

Owing to the death of ex-President Fung Kue-chang, President Hsu Shu-chang, visited the residence of the deceased statesman in Tientsin on December 31 as a mark of condolence. His Excellency returned to Peking the same day.

Notwithstanding that several petitions have been made to the Civil Governor praying for the readmission of the two student leaders who were expelled from their schools in connection with the recent strike, the Civil Governor has refused to accede to the request.

Two Chinese were brought before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning charged with fighting in Hongkong. Inspector Brown said the first defendant attempted to "operate" on the other with a pair of scissors but did not succeed in doing any material damage. His Worship bound them over in the sum of \$50 each.

In connection with the revolt of the People's Army against Fong Sing-to, the leader of the Yunnanese troops in Fukien, the other leaders in Swatow report that fighting continues at different positions. Considerable damage has been done and the people are in distress. Commander Chan Kwong-ming of the Canton forces has reported that his men are not participating in the revolt and most of the other armies in Fukien have declared their neutrality.

The following is an extract from a letter dated London, November 17, received in Shanghai on December 29. "All that talk I have heard about the dearth of things appears to me to have been piffle. Things are maybe more than they used to be, but the prices marked on things in shop windows are considerably lower than Shanghai and Singapore prices. I bought a pair of spats for 5/11, a bowler hat for 8/6 and my wife got a fine pair of shoes in Shaftesbury Avenue for 16/-. A Whisky and soda costs a shilling, two for 1/6 etc., and this hotel (Midland Grand) is charging us 7/6 a night for a single bedded room."

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CHILDREN'S SPORTS AT THE K. C. C.

A SUCCESSFUL AFTERNOON.

The annual Children's Sports held under the auspices of the Kowloon Cricket Club, at Kowloon last Saturday, formed a fitting climax to the round of Christmas and New Year parties to which the children of Kowloon have been treated, and the members of the Club are to be congratulated on the splendid manner in which they had organized and carried out the festive decorations and arrangements generally were all that could be desired and great praise is due to the officials especially Messrs. J. P. Robinson and E. J. Edwards, who worked unceasingly throughout the afternoon. Messrs. Jenner and Greig also worked hard to amuse, as clowns. By kind permission of Lt. Col. J. R. Wyndham and officers, the band of the Wiltshires rendered an appropriate programme of music and fine weather greatly contributed to the success of the sports. Messrs. Wiseman's undertook the catering in able manner.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Captain McGrath, A.D.C., arrived at about 4 p.m. and was met by Messrs. Brawn, Robinson and Blackburn and conducted to a specially erected stand where His Excellency exhibited keen interest in the various events.

At the conclusion of the sports, His Excellency took up his position on the verandah of the Club House and with him were Captain McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mrs. Smalley and Mrs. A. O. Brawn.

Mr. A. O. Brawn, Vice-President of the Club, said: "Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen, we have had a splendid day and I think everyone has thoroughly enjoyed it. I am sure all those who so generously contributed to the funds for these sports, and all those who have worked so hard to organize them and run them will feel themselves fully repaid by the success of this meeting. I should like to mention them by name, but there are so many that I think they will permit me to refrain from that. The aim of the Kowloon Cricket Club is to provide means of recreation and social intercourse for all young and old. I sometimes think that the importance of these things is not in some quarters sufficiently recognized. In this country, on account of climatic and other reasons, business hours are few; consequently people have much time at their disposal—time for getting into mischief or time for brooding. So many fellows whose families are away and who consequently have none of the attractions of home life, turn to recreation and such institutions can help in their moral and physical welfare, for therein sport and good comradeship is provided. The Kowloon Cricket Club is trying to keep up with the times towards this social intercourse and recreation; and, bearing these things in mind, they want to build a new pavilion which will cost \$25,000, which sum has to be raised in debentures. But I must warn all members and all interested that they cannot do that until the greater part of those debentures have been purchased. The Kowloon Cricket Club also hopes to extend this ground to meet the demands for playing ground and to extend it in the westward direction where you see leveling, turing, fencing off and generally touching up to make it an excellent recreation ground. But the Club has not the funds to do this, and without outside assistance the scheme will have to be indefinitely postponed. But I have been digressing from the matter in hand. Your Excellency, you have not yet waved the magic wand! You have not yet made this Colony a Utopia, but you have, in the short time you have been here, shown a very great interest in the younger generation. I have seen you, upon five occasions, present at gatherings of the younger people and this will be the fourth time you have presented the prizes upon such an occasion. I am sure that the children of to-day in years to come, will have a very vivid recollection of your tenure of office here. I will now ask you to present the prizes. (Applause.)

His Excellency said: "Ladies and gentlemen, I am always pleased, as Mr. Brawn says, to be present to watch the younger generation growing up in the way it should—growing up in the way which Mr. Brawn is instructing it to grow. Mr. Brawn says he wishes they should grow up with pleasant recollections of me, so I will not waste their time by standing before them and their prizes. If they will pay the compliment of remembering me, I will remember that it is wise never to make unnecessary speeches and this is the course I am going to follow." (Applause.)

His Excellency then distributed the prizes at the conclusion of which he was accorded three hearty cheers and a "tiger," and the proceedings terminated.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

SKIPPING RACE (Girls under four years).—1, Peggy Searle; 2, Mary Woolley; 3, Ellice Bliss.

Musical Chairs (ages 8-12).—1, Joan Smalley; 2, Ellice Bliss; 3, Peggy Searle.

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ARMED ROBBERY.

On the night of December 30, a Chinese woman was awakened by the sound of someone attempting to break open the front door of her house. As she left her bed to investigate, three men entered her room. One of them was armed with a chopper whilst another carried an electric torch. They threatened to kill her if she made a noise, and then, after tying her hands behind her back and gagging her, they ransacked the house and made off with jewellery and money to the total value of \$52. No arrests have yet been made. The woman is unable to identify any of her unwelcome visitors.

An armed robbery is reported to have taken place in a carpenter's boarding house, at No. 135 Cook Street yesterday. It appears that all the boarders went out in the evening, leaving a small boy to look after the house. About an hour after they had left, four men who were led by an ex-boarder of the establishment broke into the premises. They were all armed with daggers, and after terrorizing the boy, they tied him up and then stole \$320 in money, the property of the boarding house keeper. After spending about half an hour in the house, they decamped with their booty. With the exception of the ex-boarder, the boy is unable to identify any of the robbers. Detectives have been out on the job tracing the malefactors, but no arrests have so far been made.

SKIPPING COMPETITION (ages under 9).—1, Dora Stewart; 2, Alice Blythe; 3, Dorothy Baker.

Flat Race (ages under 5).—1, Ella Ritchie; 2, Iris Woolley; 3, Mary Raitty.

Potato Race (ages 10-14).—1, Gladys Ramsay; 2, Margaret Woolley; 3, Audrey Stevens.

SKIPPING COMPETITION (ages 10-12).—1, Phyllis Woolley; 2, Dolly Lyon; 3, Cissie Hast.

Flat Race (ages under 14).—1, Phyllis Capell; 2, Dorothy Baker; 3, Marjorie Stewart.

Flat Race (ages 6-8).—1, Sheila Jeffries; 2, Alice Blyth; 3, Emily Sousa.

Egg and Spoon Race (ages 6-14).—1, Phyllis Capell; 2, Nora Fife; 3, Margery Hanson.

Flat Race (ages 8-10).—1, Betty Baker; 2, Jean Dalziel; 3, Sadie Thorburn.

Relay Race (ages 10-14).—1, Kitty Blair; 2, Gladys Ramsay; 3, Elsa Bell; 4, Marjorie Stewart.

Potato Race (ages 9-12).—1, Arthur Bliss; 2, S. Rosser; 3, Edwin French.

Foot Race (ages under 12).—1, J. Clark; 2, D. Davidson; 3, Reggie Parsons.

Obstacle Race (ages 12-14).—1, Robt. Hall; 2, Arthur Hall; 3, William Stotham.

Relay Race (ages 10-14).—W. Forsyth, George Bond, Robert Hall, and S. Rosser.

Flat Race (ages 6-8).—1, G. G. Edwards; 2, J. Thompson; 3, T. Neave.

Flat Race (ages under 14).—1, R. Woolley; 2, S. Searle; 3, T. King.

Tug-of-War.—Winning team, Arthur Hall, Kieth Hole, T. Pile, E. Moses, G. Bond, C. Collett, A. Hazeland and W. Matchan.

Flat Race (ages 4-5).—1, Jack Brazil; 2, G. Wolff; 3, W. Simpson.

Flat Race (ages 8-10).—1, J. Thompson; 2, T. Neave; 3, W. King.

Lawn Bowls (ages 10-14).—1, H. King; 2, W. Forsyth; 3, K. Hole.

Wheelbarrow Race (ages under 14).—1, H. King and T. Pile; 2, C. Collett and S. Searle; 3, Pat White and F. Wolff.

Shooting Competition.—1, A. Bliss; 2, J. Clark; 3, F. Souza; 4, C. Pile; 5, J. Bryson.

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FORTHCOMING BOXING TOURNAMENT.

THE RESULT OF THE DRAW.

Good sport is promised at the two day boxing meet fixed for Friday and Saturday in a special ring erected in the grounds of the Volunteer Headquarters. All preliminary and semi-final bouts in the Novices' competition will take place on Friday night, commencing at 7 p.m. The finals take place on Saturday, when the principle source of attraction will be a fifteen-round contest for the welterweight championship of the Colony between Sky Karpison (holder) and Seaman Parsons (challenger).

The following rules will govern the Novices' Competition on January 9 and 10.

- 1.—Box in light boots or shoes (without spikes) or in socks.
- 2.—Medical examination before entering ring.
- 3.—Weigh-in at ringside, at 6.45 p.m. on the 9th.
- 4.—Each bout to be of three rounds. First two rounds to be two minutes. Third round three minutes. One minute interval.
- 5.—Competitor drawing a bye to spar for the specified time with an opponent approved by judges and referee.
- 6.—Referee, and two judges to officiate in each bout.
- 7.—Maximum marks for first two rounds to be 5; for third round to be 10.
- 8.—Only one "second," other than an "over time" allowed.
- 9.—Other rules as per N.S.C. Rules for competitions.

Silver cups—ably engraved, have been selected for the winner, runner-up, and best loser in each of the four weights and will be on exhibition in the windows of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh.

The draw for the competition was made on Saturday by Messrs. F. C. Jenkin, W. Logan, and J. S. McCann. The order is as follows:—

FEATHERWEIGHT CLASS.
1.—Lee-Corpl. Wye, Wilts. v. L. Tel. Conway, "Ambrose."
2.—L. S. Gosling, "Alacrity" v. Pte. Drew, Wilts.

3.—Pte. Edzell, Wilts. v. P.C. Condon, H.K. Police.
4.—A. B. Byrne, "Alacrity" v. Stoker Towne, "Alacrity."

LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS.
1.—Pte. James, Wilts. v. Gunner Hudson, R.G.A.
2.—Stoker Barrett, "Carlisle" v. A. B. Compton, "Ambrose."

3.—Pte. Burns, Wilts. (Bye) v. Sparring Partner.
4.—Wile's Coor North, "Carlisle" (Bye) v. Sparring Partner.

WELTERWEIGHT CLASS.
1.—A. B. Holt, "Ambrose," v. A. B. Symons, "Carlisle."
2.—A. B. Trace, "Alacrity" v. Sgt. Davies, Wilts.

3.—A. B. Osborne, "Ambrose" v. Boy Harris, "Carlisle."
4.—H. R. C. Jones, Wilts. v. L. S. Searle, "Carlisle."

5.—Pte. Woolley, Wilts. v. A. B. Nethercott, "Ambrose."
6.—Pte. Slade, Wilts. v. A. B. Massey, "Ambrose."

7.—L. S. Woods, "Carlisle," v. Seaman Coulthard, "Ambrose."
8.—L. C. Rogers, Wilts. v. Pte. Dadd, Wilts.

MIDDLEWEIGHT CLASS.
1.—A. B. Hatch, "Ambrose" v. A. B. Fellowes, "Alacrity."
2.—Corpl. Gee, Wilts. v. Pte. Thorne, Wilts.

3.—Boy Hall, "Carlisle" v. A. B. Conn, "Ambrose."
4.—Pte. Jones, Wilts. v. L. S. Bactrop, "Carlisle."

Commencing with the "feathers," the bouts in each Class will be fought in the order set out above. Competitors and their seconds are warned that if they are not ready to enter the ring at the conclusion of the bout immediately preceding their own, the competitors may be disqualified by the referee.

VANITY FAIR.

The performance of the Vanity Fair Company at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, was accorded good patronage, and proved quite enjoyable. Miss Shirley Cooke was a great favourite with her songs at the piano, her song about waiting being enthusiastically encored. Leslie Holmes was in good form and with Sydney Manning and George Titchener kept the house in a constant titter. The company sang "The Bells of St. Mary's" in fine style, although one

THE WEEK'S CHAT.

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I have not heard any respite yet, perhaps the announcement would have appeared too obvious coming so soon after the event.

There was a New Year's dance at the Peak Hotel the same night, a good many familiar faces were missing, but there were strong reinforcements in the presence of the "Vanity Fair Company" and the place was gay with the uniforms of the many officers who are passing through Hongkong. Late trains made late dancing possible and also the thought of a holiday to come.

I hear that there has been an attempt to have late dances at the Peak Club on Saturday nights, and that special trains have been announced. From all I can gather these trains might as well go to bed early, for there will be no girls to dance with after midnight on a Saturday night.

Hongkong mothers very rightly stick to their old principles as regards dancing on the Sabbath. This is no hardship to girls who dance most nights of the week. The one blessing of the "last car" and last ferry system in Hongkong is that in a climate like this it prevents people from turning the candle in the middle.

All the youth and beauty of the town appears to have migrated to Canton for the year end dance, which was a great success, for most of the youth and beauty danced until it was time to catch a train or ship back to Hongkong, to bring them to another round of mirth and revelry over here. There is no doubt about it. We do see life.

We are all making fancy dresses for the Kingsclere dance, and we are to have the "opera," by the same token. Would it not be possible to start the opera performances a little earlier than is usual in Hongkong? People could dine half an hour sooner or get down by 8.30 p.m., for most of the operas run into three or four hours, and there is always the morning after the night before to be considered in the life of a working man.

I have been much interested in the correspondence regarding my few remarks in support of the movement to start a branch of "Comrades of the Great War." I hope to write a special article telling what I know of that organization and its splendid work. Solon makes a bitter attack upon the personelle of the leaders and calls upon returned soldiers to join the Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Soldiers and Sailors.

I should be interested to know whether a branch of the F.D.D.S.S. exists in Hongkong or whether any effort has as yet been made to establish a branch.

It does not seem to me to matter very much under what banner or name the comradeship is established, as long as something is done to keep the memory of the comradeship and fellowship of the great war alive. There are people who assert that the soldier men want to forget and should be encouraged to forget. Don't believe them, no one wants to forget what war means. There is always a certain amount of self-consciousness and fear of swank in the Englishman as regards his good actions and his inner feelings, but you get a few returned soldiers together, away from those who have not participated and

HAT SNATCHER.

A Chinese youth who was this morning charged with snatching a felt hat from the basket of a marine hawker in Queen's Road Central, said another boy snatched it and handed it to him to sell.

After a Chinese detective had deposed to seeing the boy snatch the hat from the rear basket and then put it under his coat and run away, his Worship passed sentence of one day's imprisonment and 10 strokes with a rattan.

you will soon realize, that they have not forgotten, nor do they want to forget. There are other things in war, besides horrors and discomforts and many a man who has returned to civil life, feels lonely and cut off, especially the youngsters, who were straight from their school rooms into training for the front. Comrades of a soldier's federation of any kind will bring these men together. In every other country such organizations have been formed and are flourishing; and there is no particularly obvious reason why one should not flourish here.

THE GOSSIP.

SUICIDES.

A Chinese woman aged 21 has committed suicide at No. 36 Gage Street by hanging herself with a piece of rope in her cubicle.

The dead body of another woman has been found in an unnumbered matchbox at Chi Ma Yuen, with a piece of rope tied tightly round the neck. In the absence of any clue to the contrary, this according to the Police, points to a case of suicide.

OPIUM.

A Chinese who was charged before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning with the unlawful possession of 16 lbs. of raw opium, pleaded guilty and was fined \$1500. On a further charge of attempting to export 60 silver dollars' pieces, the same man was fined \$1. The opium and the silver dollars were confiscated.

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THE CORONET.

Throughout the New Year holidays the Coronet Kinema continued to draw large houses, the chief feature being the five part film entitled "The Warning" in which Mr. Henry Kolker takes the part of a dipsomaniac and shows to what lengths of ruination a prosperous family is brought through drink. The film also depicts some interesting juvenile scenes. A drama of dramatic force which holds the audience from beginning to end. Some interesting scenes in Spitzbergen were also shown, together with the usual British Gazette.

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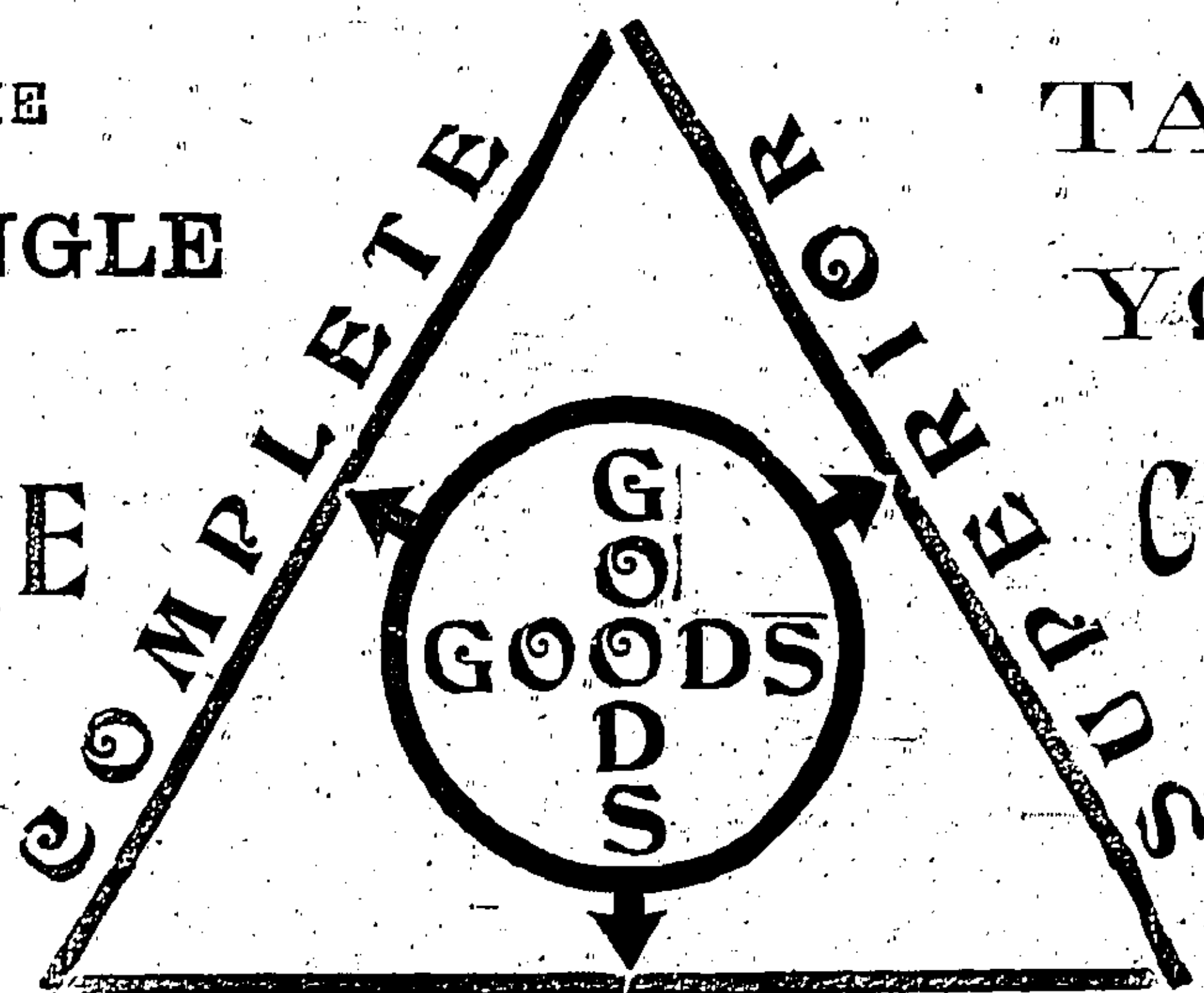
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters Service to the China Mail.)

PREMIER'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE.

London, January 1st.
Mr. Lloyd George, in a New Year's message to the *Manchester Daily Dispatch* says:
"We bid farewell to the fateful year which witnessed the signing of peace which is alike a token of victory and a warrant for hope. Whether the new year will be rich with promise or end in despair depends upon ourselves. We have reached the time when concentrated effort is essential to the rebuilding of the world. If we quarrel among ourselves, we will impede our strength and retard our progress, but by united action, based on a common purpose, an inspired spirit, and the general goodwill of the nation, we will add to the glory achieved by our sons in battle the accomplishment of the great task of restoring the prosperity and well-being of our people."

BRITISH BANKERS' CLEARINGS.

London, January 1st.
The Bankers' Clearing House operations during 1919 aggregated £28,415,000,000, showing an increase of £2,317,000,000 over the clearings in 1918. These figures surpass all records.
The high cost of raw material, the increased price of production, and the greater demand consequently for banking accommodation partly account for the larger turnover.

BRITAIN'S REVENUE.

London, January 1st.
The revenue for the past quarter was £257,555,500, an increase of £71,507,737 compared with the corresponding quarter of 1918.

BRITISH SHIPPING SUPREMACY.

London, December 31st.
One hundred German ships, mostly interned in South America, many exceeding 10,000 tons, remain to be handed over to the Allies beyond the 350 already surrendered and provisionally distributed among the shipping companies.

This distribution and British shipping activity have re-established British shipping supremacy, which is at present five per cent. more tonnage than before the war. Shipping is, however, still short of requirements.

BRITISH ENTERPRISES IN BELGIUM.

Brussels, December 31st.
The *Liber Belgique* welcomes the fact that British enterprises are increasing in Belgium. Great strides have been made since the Armistice, displacing German activities, notably in Antwerp and Brussels.

UNEMPLOYMENT AT HOME.

London, December 31st.
Statistics show that there was only two per cent. of unemployment during the six months ended on October 31st, compared with a pre-war average corresponding to 4.7.
The percentage of ex-service men re-absorbed in industry is 90.3.

The Unemployment Insurance Bill extends insurance against unemployment on a contributory basis to substantially the whole employed population between the ages of 16 and 70.

The total number of workers, manual and non-manual, is estimated at 14,750,000 as compared with 13,600,000 covered by the existing scheme.
Opportunity is given for the industries to contract out of the general scheme by setting up special schemes such as may be approved by the Minister for Labour, giving equal or superior advantages.

The scheme comes into operation on September 1st, 1920. Agriculture and domestic service are not included in the scheme.
Other exceptions include persons other than manual labourers earning more than £250 per year, employees of the public authorities, police and railway servants, employees of other statutory undertakings, where such persons are entitled to rights under the statutory superannuation fund making insurance against unemployment unnecessary.

Teachers in public elementary schools and persons in receipt of a pension or unearned income of at least £26, may claim exemption.
The weekly contributions vary between 2d. per week for girls and 6d. per week for men, the employer and the employee contributing half each with the addition of a sum equal to one-third of these contributions.

The rates of benefit vary from 6s. per week for girls to 15s. for men.
The newspapers give prominence to the decision of the transport workers to accept a Court of Enquiry on the dockers' wage demands. The Court, which will probably have a Judge as chairman, is described as a counterpart of the Sankey Coal Commission.

THE BRITISH MOULDERS' STRIKE.

London, December 31st.
Important conferences are being held in London in an attempt to settle the moulders' strike.
The Trades Union Parliamentary Committee, after discussion with the Union concerned in the West Bromwich dispute, have appointed a Committee to investigate immediately.
The Ministry of Labour is also very active.
A much more hopeful view is taken of the outlook, notwithstanding the assertion of one of the Unions that the rivalry at West Bromwich involves a vital principle.

BRITISH FOOD PROBLEM.

London, December 31st.
The demand of milk British cheese, and butter is forecasted. It is anticipated that the last named will cost 5s. per pound.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters Service to the China Mail.)

GERMANY'S ARMED FORCES.

London, January 1st.
It is authoritatively estimated that the present strength of the German armed forces is over a million, composed of an Army of 400,000, a Navy of 150,000, Zeitsfreiwilligen, who are temporary Volunteers or Army Reserves, from 150,000 to 200,000; Einwohnervwehr, or civic guards, 300,000 to 400,000; Sicherheitspolizei, or armed Constabulary, 40,000 to 50,000. The last three controlled by the Ministry of the Interior, are regarded as a contravention of the Peace Treaty. This fact has been notified to Germany by the Supreme Council.

GERMANY'S CONTINUED DECEPTION.

London, January 1st.
The Reparation Commission has intervened in connection with large sales of German horses and cattle to Neutral, the discovery of which illustrates Germany's continued deception as the recently represented that she was unable to comply with certain Allied reparation demands owing to the necessities of agriculture and the retooling of the population.
It is noteworthy in this connection that Belgium was robbed of 325,000 cows while the Treaty only grants compensation for 90,000 cattle.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

London, December 31st.
Rumor learns that, while the details of the Prince of Wales' tour in the Dominions have not yet been arranged, there is reason to believe that he will leave England by H.M.S. *Rennet* in March next for Australia and New Zealand about September.
His Royal Highness will, probably, visit India in the cold weather of 1920-21 and the next Dominion to be visited will be South Africa.

THE WARFARE IN RUSSIA.

London, January 1st.
An authoritative summary of the operations in Russia during the last fortnight shows that the Russian moral in North Russia is good and that there is nothing to fear from the activities of the present Bolshevik forces. The Estonians continue to repel concentrated Red attacks and the Letts are equally throwing back attacks. In the Ukraine the Russian army is broken up and Pushkin is no longer a serious factor in Russian politics.

In South Russia Denikin's retreat continues owing to overwhelming Bolshevik forces which are evidently attempting to reach the sea at Azov, which is less than a hundred miles away, with the object of splitting up Denikin's forces.

In East Russia the Reds are driving back Dutov's weaker forces towards the Mongolian frontier. The Allied contingent on the railway are withdrawing eastwards in conjunction with the main Siberian Army.

BOLSHEVIKS CLAIM CAPTURES.

London, January 1st.
A Moscow wireless claims the capture of the important centres Ekaterinavsk and Novomoskovsk for the Bolsheviks.

SCOTLAND WINS.

London, January 1st.
In a rugby football match in Paris between Scotland and France, the former won by 5 points to nil.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF SUGAR.

Washington, January 1st.
President Wilson has signed a Bill continuing for another year the Government control of sugar.

"THANKS TO GERMANY."

Paris, December 31st.
The Minister of Finance, speaking in the Chamber, stated that France was already able, thanks to Germany, to pay fifteen milliard marks for military pensions and ten milliard marks for the benefit of the occupied districts.

BROMLEY BY-ELECTION.

London, December 31st.
The following is the result in the Bromley by-election:
Lieut.-Colonel OUTREBART JAMES (Coalition Unionist) 11,148
Mr. RHODES (Labour) 10,977
Coalition Majority 1,071
[In the last election, the Coalition Majority was 842 over the Labour and 7,202 over the Liberal voting.]

EARL GREY LEAVES FOR ENGLAND.

London, December 31st.
Earl Grey has departed for New York, whence he sails for England on January 3rd. At Earl Grey's request no special steps were taken to arrange a visit to President Wilson.

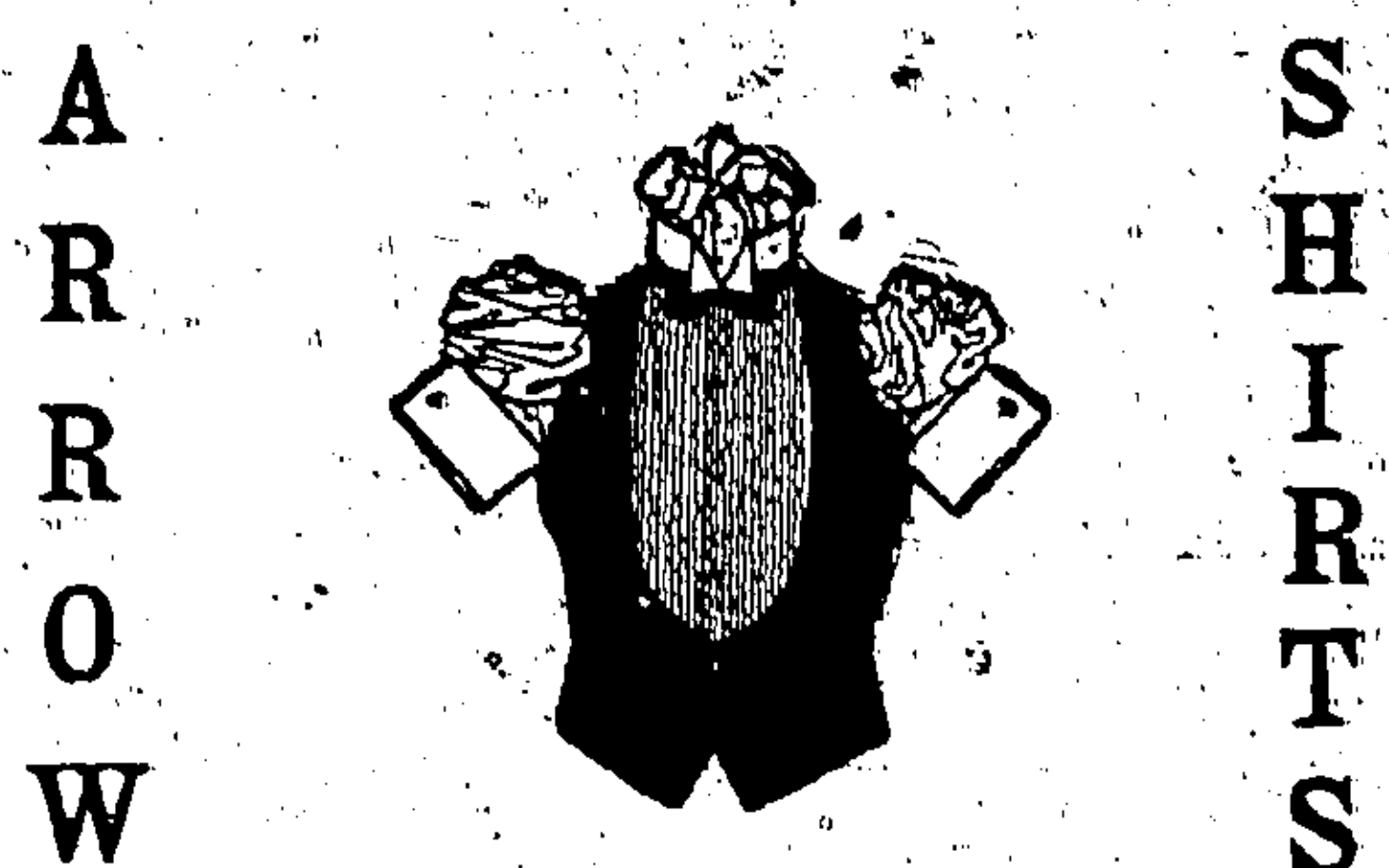
THE CINEMA IN THE EAST.

New York, January 1st.
Two cinema expeditions have been despatched to Algeria, Turkey, India and China to penetrate "behind the walls" with a view to portraying native social and industrial conditions off the beaten paths of tourists.

THE "DEAREST NICKY" LETTERS.

London, January 1st.
The *Morning Post* is publishing the famous "Dearest Nicky" letters of the ex-Czar to the ex-Czarina from the time of the latter's accession in 1904 until 1914. The letters are couched in affectionate terms. All are written in English and free-hand and are reproduced. The letters show that the ex-Czar's object was to embroil Russia and Japan in which he succeeded. After that the object was a quarrel between England and France. Meanwhile Germany would be enabled to create a huge fleet and strengthen her army and have the world at her mercy.

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POST OFFICE.

A telegram has been received from the G.P.O. London stating that there are no restrictions on the importation of sugar by parcel post into the United Kingdom and that no parcels of sugar recently sent from Hongkong have been confiscated.

A direct exchange of Money Orders with the Republic of China will come into operation on and after the 1st January, 1920.

The Money Order Service with the Philippine Islands will be resumed on the 1st Jan., 1920.

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwaz or Mohammarrak in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

INWARD MAIL.

WEDNESDAY, January 7.
Europe (via Nagasaki)—Per FOOK SANG.

Straits—Per IYO MARU.
Japan—Per JAPAN.

Japan—Per WAKAMATSU MARU.
Shanghai—Per TOKUSHIMA MARU.
Shanghai—Per KITAKO MARU.

Straits—Per KEISHIN MARU.
Straits—Per UMTA.

OUTWARD MAIL.

MONDAY, January 5.
Hoihow and Haiphong—Per LOKSANG.

TUESDAY, January 6.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per LIANG CHOW.

Macao—Per SUI TAN, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong—Per TAI SZE MA, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow—Per QUINNEBAUG, 11 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per SHANTUNG, 11 a.m.

Fort Bayard—Per WA SIAN, 1 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Moji—Per SOMALI, 3 a.m.

Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.

Formosa via Keelung—Per NISIN MARU, 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per TELEKOM, 5 p.m.

Hoihow and Haiphong—Per CHONG VA, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Moji—Per SOMALI, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, January 7.
Macao—Per SUI TAN, 8.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, January 9.

Macao—Per SUI TAN, 8.30 a.m.
Japan via Moji, Honolulu, San Francisco and South America—Per KIYO MARU, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per LOONGSANG, 2 p.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per FOOKSANG, 4 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, January 10.
Shanghai North China and Japan via Moji—Per NAGOYA, 10 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanabakod, Egypt and EUROPE via SUEZ—Per NELEUS, Registration 4.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 8, at 5 p.m.

Macao—Per SUI TAN, 1.30 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per CHENAN, 3 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUEN CHOW, 4.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, January 11.
Macao—Per SUI TAN, 8.30 a.m.

HAIPHONG—Per LANG CHOW, 9 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per TAMING, 2 p.m.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The G.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Yokohama 15 January, sailed January 2 and is due at Kobe January 3.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Wakamatsu Maru* (Kobe Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 31st Dec. and is expected here on the 7th January.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tokushima Maru* (New York Line) left Kobe for this port via Suez Canal on the 29th Nov., and is expected here on the 7th January.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Kita Maru* (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 30th Dec. and is expected here on the 8th January.

The P. & O. s.s. *A.L. s.s. Japan* left Moji for this port on the 3rd instant at p.m., and is due here on the 7th instant, at about 7 a.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Iyo Maru* (European Line) left London for this port via Suez Canal on the 29th Nov., and is expected here on the 7th January.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Kita Maru* (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 30th Dec. and is expected here on the 8th January.

The G.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Mathon* arrived at Shanghai on 2nd January leaves there 15th January, and is due at Nagasaki on 28th January.

The P. & O. s.s. *A.L. s.s. Umta* left Singapore for this port on the 2nd instant at 6 a.m., and is due here on the 10th instant at about 6 a.m.

The O. M. S. S. Co's s.s. *Nanking* may be expected to arrive in Hongkong from Japan on or about January 11.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Amata Maru* (European Line) left London for this port via Suez Canal on the 13th Dec., and is expected here on the 18th Jan.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Kaita Maru* (Oceania Line) left Singapore for this port on the 26th Dec. and is expected here on the 9th January.

LIST OF PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

January 1.
Per s.s. *Madras*—Mr. and Mrs. Ray, Mr. Pethy, and Mrs. Dillon.

Per s.s. *Agenor*—Messrs. F. Allen, C. H. Blason, O. H. Bover, J. Morris, F. W. Peeling, D. E. Wood, G. E. McKeon and Bro. Gordian.

January 2.
Per s.s. *Kashgar*—Mr. W. J. Sparry, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gresham, Mr. L. Ireland, Mrs. A. M. Arnold, Mr. Reader Harris, Mr. J. S. Gaudet, and Mr. A. L. Rao.

WEATHER REPORT.

January 5, 12.5.1920.—No returns from Vladivostok or Japanese stations. Pressure changes since yesterday are small.

A strong anticyclone remains central to the north of the lower Yangtze Valley. Strong monsoon will continue along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.00 inches, against an average of 0.12 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on January 6th, 1920.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. N.E. winds, strong; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

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Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Direction.	Force.	Wave.
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